

The Human Relations Commission

Members Meeting Minutes
Location: Telecommunication due to Covid-19 Safer at Home Order
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Delia Busby called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Present were:

Delia Busby
Stan Friedman
Vice Chair
Candace Woods
Secretary
Alex Morlang
Treasurer
Albert Troisfontaines
Anjuli Kapoor
Ellen Johnson-Fay
Alternate
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Catherine Duarte Colorado Springs City Liaison

Absent: Rabbi Jay Sherwood, Member; Kim Sannes, Member; Arisha Lawson, Alternate; Dr. Leona Lopez, Member; Kelley Pomis, Member

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approve August 2020 minutes
 - a. approved
- 3. Opportunity for citizen comment three minutes per person
 - a. no citizens joined the call
- 4. Chair's Report update on presentation to Council
 - a. Delia asked Ellen to share her impressions Ellen shared that she thought that the council members responded overall positively to the idea of having an ex officio member from the HRC.
 - b. Stan shared that he thought differently and that the council members were dismissive of the HRC's letter.
 - c. Anjuli thinks that the process was that the LETAC could choose to bring on ex officio members. Candace heard similarly.
 - d. Bert and Stan think that it would be beneficial to send a letter to the Council to prep the idea that we are still desiring to have a seat at the LETAC table. Candace is going to compile a letter based on the documentation that Stan has sent along for us to send to Council to reiterate this point.
- Goal setting with Kimberley Sherwood
 - a. introductions of Commission to Kimberley
 - b. recommendation from Kimberley for the Commission to work over time to wrestle with the founding documents of the commission to develop a shared vision and understanding, then setting long-term goals and strategies for how to get there.

- c. development of a "Rallying Cry" if we could only accomplish one thing in the next x time frame, what would we do?
 - i. Operating Theme: "In the next 3-6 months, we will clarify the role of the HRC in the community."
 - 1. Objectives: see attached PDF
 - ii. Possibility to build working groups on different objectives
 - iii. "Bang the Table" digital platform as a recommendation for potentially getting community feedback
- 6. Other business/final commissioners' comments
 - a. Stan recommends we look at the ethics document that Catherine sent out.
 - b. Catherine let us know that it is unprecedented that a board or commission of the City to look to write a grant for the work of our Commission, but that it seems to be doable based on City regulations and laws.
- 7. Adjournment at 10:34am

Submitted by Candace Woods Secretary